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## 2007 Non-Insured Assistance Program

The Non-Insured Assistance Program is designed for all crops that can not be insured under federal crop insurance. This includes some insurable crops that do not meet some basic production requirements (apples, cherries) or crops grown under uninsurable practices or areas (onions, garbanzos). NAP only provides catastrophic insurance coverage (50% yield, 55% price). The cost of an application is \$100 per crop/year and no producer will be required to pay more than \$300 per county/year, no matter how many crops are grown. Producers who acquired NAP coverage in 2006 must reapply for 2007 coverage. Here are the deadlines to apply:

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| 10/02/06 | Grass Hay, Alfalfa Hay, Clover Seed, Small Grain Hay, Mixed Grass Hay, Mixed Small Grain/Legume Hay, Triticale, Pasture |
| 03/15/07 | Lentils, Peas, Mustard  |

## Report Changes By September. 29

Producers are reminded that if any changes that affect the interest in base acres have been made since signing the last Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) contract, the **successions-in-interest** must be reported to our office by September 29<sup>th</sup> so that a final determination can be made on who is program eligible on the property.

Changes that qualify as a **successor-in-interest** include:

- A sale of land
- A change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- A foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm
- A change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's shares of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract



If a **succession-in-interest** has taken place, you, as the "predecessor" are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the "successor."

Not reporting a **succession-in-interest** can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved.

September 29 is also the final date for producers to pay a late file fee (\$100) to enroll in DCP this fiscal year.

## Puzzle

### Ball Games

There are several sports that are played with a ball but do not have the word "ball" in their name. Examples are billiards, pool, polo, rugby, and croquet. Can you name five more that are popular in the United States?

Answer to the last puzzle: 9:49, 9:39, 9:29, 9:09, 12:21, 11:11, 10:01, 9:59



## Final DCP Payments for 2006 Scheduled

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be directly deposited into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks in October. Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum. The direct payment for a crop equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage *times* (x) the farm's direct payment yield *times* (x) the direct payment rate.

## 2006 Dates to Remember

- September 29** – DCP Successor-in-interest Deadline
- October 2** – Wallowa SWCD Board Mgt, 7:00 p.m., Extension
- October 2** – 2007 NAP Deadline (Grass Hay, Alfalfa Hay, Clover Seed, Small Grain Hay, Mixed Grass Hay, Mixed Small Grain/Legume Hay, Triticale, Pasture)
- October 2** – 2007 Wheat Crop Insurance (Local Crop Insurance Agent)
- October 11** – COC Meeting – 9:00 a.m. USDA Service Center
- October 11-12** – Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health Workshop, Cloverleaf Hall
- October 28** – Local Working Group, 1:00 p.m., Ag Service Center
- November 3** – COC Election Ballots Mailed to Flora/Troy Producers
- November 30** – Deadline for EQIP signup
- December 4** – COC Election

## **Electronic LDP Service Available**

Producers who are connected to the Internet can now stay home and apply for an Electronic Loan Deficiency Payment, or eLDP, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours. If you have asked for a check instead of direct deposit, the mailing time will be added to the processing time.

To participate in the new service, you must meet all eligibility requirements for marketing assistance loans and LDPs for the commodity. The voluntary eLDP service has stringent security measures to protect your private information.

Unless you have requested a check, you must have an e-mail address, direct deposit, and set up a customer profile through our office or any Farm Service Agency office. To register, you can go to

[www.sc.egov.usda.gov](http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov) and complete form CCC-634-E, "Request for Electronic Loan Deficiency Payment Services," or can obtain a form at the county office.

You must also have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the county office for identity verification.

## **New Insurance Product Available for Pasture, Rangeland and Hayland**

Producers in Wallowa County and eight other Oregon counties will have the availability to insure their pasture, rangeland and/or hay land for the 2007 crop year. The following are a few highlights of this new insurance product:



- Producers will be able to insure all or part of their acreage.
- Insurance period will be from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Each producer will be allowed to select between 4, 3-month insurance intervals when determining the timing of coverage, for the selected acreage. Thus, the producer will be allowed to elect to only to insure their acreage for only those intervals where the risk is the greatest.
- Loss benefits are based on the vegetation index factor for the selected acreage, not the insured's individual production. Producers will have the opportunity to buy-up either 70%, 75%, 80%, 85% or 90% of the vegetation index factor.
- The insured producer is covering a dollar amount per acre which is based on the county established base value for the crop, productivity factor for the selected crop and the producer buy-up coverage level. All of these definitions along with premium calculations will be detailed prior to the insured purchasing a policy.

Sales closing date for purchasing 2007 pasture, rangeland and hay land policy is November 30, 2006. For further information or to purchase a policy contact your local crop insurance agent. Information regarding this new product can also be obtained at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov).

## **SALES CLOSING DATES FOR USDA CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS ARE SOON APPROACHING**

**USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA)** reminds Pacific Northwest producers the sales closing date for wheat Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) is fast approaching. Monday, October 2, 2006 is the final date for producers to obtain MPCI on their 2007 wheat crop, including spring wheat.

Insured growers have a great opportunity to make important changes to their coverage. Current insured and uninsured growers must make all of their decisions on crop insurance coverage, especially which crops to insure and which level of coverage to obtain, prior to the sales closing date.

Producers should contact a local MPCI agent to learn additional program details. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the website address:

<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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